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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
9 February 1973

1.   The sixty-ninth meeting of the Computer Security Sub-
committee of the United States Intelligence Board Security Committee
was held on 9 February 1973 between 0930 and 1205 hours in Room
4E-64 CIA Headquarters Building.   In attendance were:

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Mr. Frank M. Machak, State Alternate

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Major John C. Karp, Army Member
Captain Frederick R. Tucker, Air Force Member

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Mr. John H. Skaggs, FBI Member
Mr. Michael F. Murphy, Treasury/USSS Member

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Mr. Carl R. Lambert, Navy

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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret SI/TK.

3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>: The minutes of the 19 January Subcommittee meeting (M-68) were approved with a slight modification of line 10, paragraph 5, page 3, where "discontinuing the use of" replaced "moving out." A corrected copy of page 3 of these previous minutes will be disseminated to members.

4. <u>Proposed Upgrading of COINS Security Level</u>: The Chairman reported to the membership that he had met with the COINS Project Manager on 2 February at the latter's request to discuss details of the COINS upgrading proposal. At this meeting the COINS Project Manager had referenced the conclusion of the OASD(I) COINS Evaluation Group that the network should be upgraded to permit the introduction of TK material as soon as possible. The COINS Project Manager further indicated that he had set a target date of 1 May 1973 for accomplishing the upgrading; he requested the Chairman's opinion whether the mechanics of securing the network to the additional level could be accomplished by that date. The Chairman stated that he had responded to the COINS Project Manager by giving his opinion that a 90 day target date was unrealistic in view of the complexity of meeting the physical security requirements for the additional level as well as access approving the additional billets involved.

5. The Chairman further reported to the Subcommittee that the COINS Project Manager's planning is based on assumptions that the NSA node of the network will be approved for multi-level operations by 1 May under the provisions of DCID No. 1/16 and the security deficiencies in DIAOLS will be resolved to permit upgrading of the DIA COINS node. At the 2 February meeting with the COINS Project Manager, the latter also asked the Chairman whether NPIC could once again participate actively in COINS by introducing for COINS access two of the major COMIREX files. The Chairman responded to the COINS Project Manager that this request should be directed to the CIA Sub-system Manager.

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6. In response to the COINS Project Manager's questions the Chairman provided a preliminary outline of Subcommittee plans to complete action on its tasking relative to the proposed upgrading. He expressed his hopes that such action would be completed by 1 March and the report of Subcommittee action in the hands of the IHC by 1 April. He suggested the probability that the Subcommittee would detail the mechanics of upgrading COINS to the TK level as the network is currently configured and would suggest a cooperative CSS-IHC-COINS Project Management effort toward resolving the problem over the longer term. He indicated to the COINS Project Manager that the mechanical requirements for securing the current configuration had been identified with the exception of the CONAD/NORAD node; he reported on the plans to visit NORAD on 16 February for the purpose of exploring the problems associated with that portion of the network.

7. Relative to the recommendations of the OASD(I) evaluation group the Chairman reminded the COINS Project Manager that acceptance of these proposals was still up to the Director of Central Intelligence and that the decision to upgrade COINS to the TK level was still speculative. The Chairman told members that his own reaction from the meeting with the COINS Project Manager suggested that the Subcommittee and the COINS Project Management could effectively cooperate toward resolving the security aspects associated with the upgrading proposal over the long term period.

8. At the instant meeting the NSA representative confirmed that arrangements had been made for the planned CONAD/NORAD visit on 16 February. These arrangements were made by the NSA Representative at CONAD and CSS participants in the visit were advised to transmit their SI-TK-Crypto Access approvals to the SSO/CONAD with a courtesy notification to the SSO/NORAD.

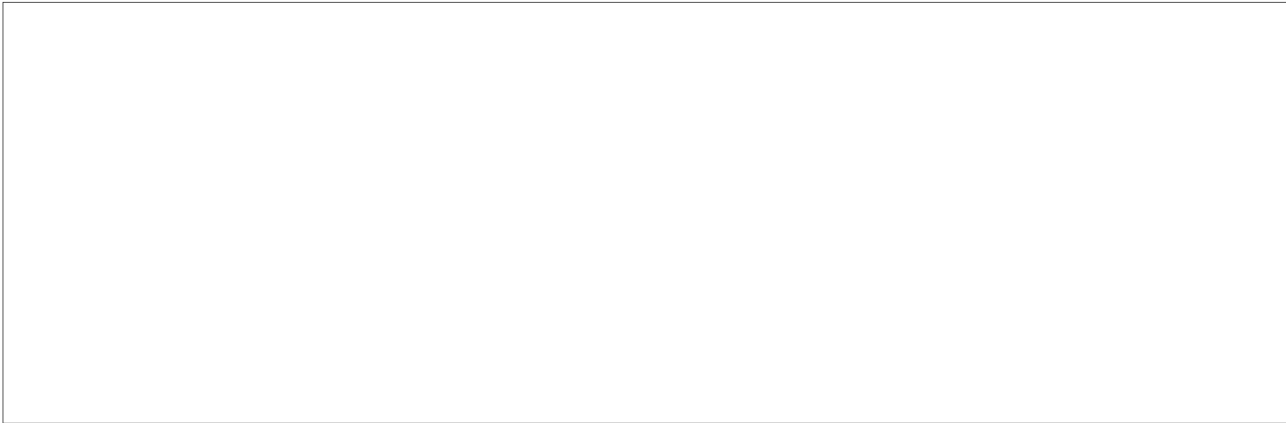9. Planned Intelligence Community Policy Paper: At the instant meeting the Air Force member provided a detailed memorandum

outlining Air Force thoughts about what policy issues should be covered in the planned computer security policy paper. The Army representative suggested that Army requirements were generally covered in the proposed outline distributed earlier; he agreed to provide some narrative description of such requirements at the next meeting. Other CSS members were unable to develop input from their agencies' in time for the meeting. For this reason, discussion on this effort was postponed.

10 Other Business:

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b. AF/ESD Computer Security Study: The Chairman reported that since the previous Subcommittee meeting he had met with Major Roger Schell of Air Force Electronic Systems Division. Major Schell had requested comment on the draft report of the 1972 AF/ESD computer security study. The Chairman indicated that he had offered to provide informal comment on the study but did not wish any official review by the USIB/CSS. The Subcommittee in the instant meeting suggested confirmation of the Chairman's decision in this regard. The CSS also expressed interest in a briefing on the results of the study, which will probably be arranged in April 1973.

c. ODASD(SP) Subcommittee Participation: The Chairman reported that the Security Committee had approved the participation in observer status in Subcommittee meetings of a representative of the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Security Policy). It is

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anticipated that Mr. James Clayton will be the ODASD(SP) observer and will be attending future meetings.

      d.   Membership Roster: In view of the changes in CSS membership during the past year and others expected in the immediate future, the Chairman agreed to prepare an updated membership roster to be disseminated to all Subcommittee members.

      11.   The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 0930 hours on 1 March 1973.
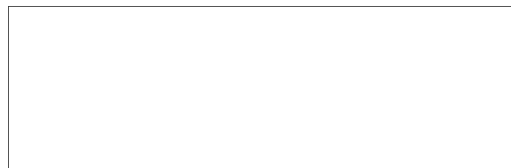
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